

Amendments to the Specification:

After the title and before the first line of the specification, please add the subheading:

Background of the Invention

Please delete the fourth paragraph of page 1 in its entirety as follows:

~~The object is solved, according to the invention, with the features of claims 1 and 8, respectively.~~

Before the fifth paragraph of page 1, please add the subheading:

Summary of the Invention

Please amend the first full paragraph of page 3 as follows:

According to a preferred embodiment, the transceiver modules are configured as radio modules via which a wireless radio link between the pump unit and the operating unit exists. The advantage of the wireless radio link ~~consists in~~ is that it is also adapted to be established through walls and/or over great distances. Thus, several vacuum pumps are able to be controlled and checked independently of each other in a large area without any problem.

After the second full paragraph on page 5, please add the following paragraph and subheading as follows:

Still further advantages of the present invention will be appreciated to those of ordinary skill in the art upon reading and understand the following detailed description.

Brief Description of the Drawings

Before the last paragraph of page 5, please add the following subheading:

Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiments

Please amend the last paragraph of page 5 (spanning pages 5-6) to read as follows:

In the Figure, a vacuum pump 10 is illustrated which ~~substantially consists of~~ includes a pump unit 14 with a pumping set 16, and an operating unit 12. The operating unit 12 and the pump unit 14 are spaced from each other, the operating unit is arranged in a control center and the pump unit at the site of production or use, for example.

After the last line of page 8, please insert the following paragraph:

The invention has been described with reference to the preferred embodiments. Modifications and alterations may occur to others upon reading and understanding the preceding detailed description. It is intended that the invention be constructed as including all such modifications and alterations insofar as they come within the scope of the appended claims or the equivalents thereof.

On page 9, after the heading "Claims", please insert the following paragraph:

Having thus described the preferred embodiments, the invention is now claimed to be: